

NB Give my love to your wife tell her I hope
she will not be offended that I have ~~formed~~^{formed} a
coraspondence with her husband.

I suppose the letters are sent as they were to be signed
monday eve Mr. Howe is gone to the association.

I hope you will come to Hope "next week

Mrs. Lea. Fitch.

Shows the affection of the
chd for me —

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Dear Sir

We received a line from you yesterday with a request to know the result of the church meeting. and as Mr. Fitch was gone from home, I have taken the liberty to answer your enquiry. I was at the meeting and must inform ~~the~~ you there was some debate on the subject. some thought it would not be best to grant your request. others said it would be giving up too much to our opposers. they would exult ~~in~~ and say we did not care about keeping you. and others that we had subscribed our money and still wished to have you stay with us as Pastor of the church. thought it a great privilege that in their prayers they could say our beloved Pastor. others expressed much regret upon the subject. but still thought it would be treating you unkindly if they did not grant your request as you had repeated it at three different times. but I assure you that it was with deep feelings of regret that the vote was cast in the affirmative. The Delegate is Deacon Morse. you will excuse me for taking the liberty I have in answering your request in ~~the~~ the Deacons absence yours with respect Mary Fitch